

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-7. (cancelled)

8. (new) A catch brake for a trunk lid of a motor vehicle for slowing an opening movement of the trunk lid upon reaching its open position, the catch brake comprising:

a narrowing U-shaped clamping receiver for braking a tubular hinge bail of the trunk lid with a clamping action and to prevent the trunk lid from rebounding, the clamping receiver comprising

tapering lateral brake cheeks which form a continuous taper in the direction of the opening motion of the trunk lid, wherein the brake cheeks are elastically flexible to one another, and

a resiliently deformable connecting link joining the lateral brake cheeks together, wherein the resiliently deformable connecting link has a fastener for mounting the catch brake.

9. (new) The catch brake according to claim 8, wherein the brake cheeks are so configured that the hinge bail can enter without head-on collision.

10. (new) The catch brake according to claim 9, wherein the brake cheeks are formed from a hard plastic material that is resistant to attrition.

11. (new) The catch brake according to claim 10, wherein the hard plastic material that includes polyoxymethylene.

12. (new) The catch brake according to claim 11, wherein the connecting link is formed from a softer plastic than the lateral brake cheeks.

13. (new) The catch brake according to claim 12, wherein the lateral brake cheeks are formed from a relatively hard core which is embedded in a softer plastic material.

14. (new) The catch brake according to claim 8, wherein the brake cheeks are formed from a hard plastic material that is resistant to attrition.

15. (new) The catch brake according to claim 14, wherein the hard plastic material that includes polyoxymethylene.

16. (new) The catch brake according to claim 8, wherein the connecting link is formed from a softer plastic than the lateral brake cheeks.

17. (new) The catch brake according to claim 16, wherein the lateral brake cheeks are formed from a relatively hard core which is embedded in a softer plastic material.

18. (new) A trunk lid opening device of a motor vehicle for moving a trunk lid from a closed position to an open position, the opening device comprising:

a catch brake comprising:

a narrowing U-shaped clamping receiver for braking a tubular hinge bail of the trunk lid with a clamping action and to prevent the trunk lid from rebounding, the clamping receiver comprising

tapering lateral brake cheeks which form a continuous taper in the direction of the opening motion of the trunk lid, wherein the brake cheeks are elastically flexible to one another, and

a resiliently deformable connecting link joining the lateral brake cheeks together, wherein the resiliently deformable connecting link has a fastener for mounting the catch brake.

19. (new) The trunk lid opening device according to claim 18, comprising an automatic system for opening the trunk lid.